

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Juergen ROEMISCH, *et al.*) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: MUTANTS OF THE FACTOR VII-)
ACTIVATING PROTEASE AND)
DETECTION METHODS USING)
SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as described below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 29-36, and page 3, lines 1-24, with the following:

In order to exclude that the deficiency or reduction in unknown potential cofactors is responsible for the detected reduction in FSAP activity, FSAP samples of three donors whose donated samples had repeatedly shown significantly reduced activity were purified. The highly purified proteins likewise showed a markedly reduced activity